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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJECT: ROK AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY

REF: ABIDJAN 4825

1. MOFA EUROPEAN DIVISION CHIEF TOLD EMBOFF JULY 10
THAT AMBASSADOR NAM CHUL WILL LEAVE ABIDJAN BY
JULY 15, WHEN HIS SUCCESSOR IS DUE TO ARRIVE.
FOR THE TIME BEING, NAM WILL DELAY IN EUROPE
RATHER THAN PROCEEDING TO OSLO TO PRESENT HIS
CREDENTIALS.

2. NAM'S SUCCESSOR AS AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST WILL
BE KANG YOUNG KYU, CURRENTLY MINISTER, ROK EMBASSY
IN TOKYO.

3. COMMENT: ROKG HAS NOT YET MADE POLICY
DECISION ON HOW TO HANDLE CASES LIKE NORWAY AND
SWEDEN IN AFTERMATH JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY
INITIATIVE. WE WOULD EXPECT ROK TO EVENTUALLY
ALLOW AMBASSADORS TO PROCEED TO OSLO AND STOCKHOLM.
HOWEVER, KOREANS ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER
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POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC

RECOGNITION OF DPRK WITHOUT ANY CONCOMITANT
RECOGNITION OF ROK BY NORTH KOREAN SUPPORTERS.
CONSEQUENTLY MOFA DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE APPEARANCE
OF EASY ACQUIESCENCE IN, OR ACCEPTANCE OF, SUCH
MOVES.
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